

# **State of Alaska FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Corrections Parole Board BRU/Component Budget Summary**

## **BRU/Component: Parole Board**

**(There is only one component in this BRU. To reduce duplicate information, we did not print a separate BRU section.)**

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### **Component Mission**

The mission of the Parole Board is to administer the release of eligible correctional inmates while providing for public safety and for the successful integration of parolees into the community.

### **Component Services Provided**

The Parole Board conducts discretionary parole release hearings, preliminary revocation and rescission hearings, final revocation hearings, sets conditions of release on all parolees, considers appeals and requests for reconsideration, holds special medical parole hearings, and issues parole arrest warrants and subpoenas. The staff trains parole officers and new Board members, advises the Board and the department's parole officers on matters related to the parole and supervision of prisoners, monitors mandatory release parole conditions, conducts executive clemency investigations for the Governor, and assures the legal conduct of the Board's responsibilities.

### **Component Goals and Strategies**

The goals and strategy of the Parole Board are:

- To conduct parole release and parole revocation hearings on mandatory and discretionary parolees as required by state statute.
- To protect the public by focusing on risk and by making careful, just, and equitable decisions.
- To use the department and community resources as a bridge to help parolees become contributing members of society.
- To set realistic parole conditions and to return to prison those who show they will not be law-abiding.
- To complete thorough investigations on executive clemency applicants for the Governor.

### **Key Component Issues for FY2002 – 2003**

- Increased number of parolees and hearings requires almost full-time commitment for Board members, and also results in workload escalation for support staff.
- Requirement for continuing education and research on recidivism factors.
- Limited treatment options, especially in rural Alaska, impacts parole decisions of the Board.

### **Major Component Accomplishments in 2001**

- Conducted increased number of hearings while maintaining integrity of the decision-making process and protection of the public.
- Developed training materials for Parole Officers, and provided direct training that has resulted in consistency statewide in procedures relating to Parole Board hearings and equity for all parolees.
- Granting of parole to incarcerated inmates has assisted in reducing prison populations.
- Assisted in rehabilitation of parolees through the parole conditions process and providing access to treatment and education programs as needed.
- By strictly adhering to statutory and regulatory requirements, the Board has maintained integrity of its decisions and limited the potential legal and fiscal liabilities for the state.

## Statutory and Regulatory Authority

- 1) Constitution (Article 3, Section 21)
- 2) Probation, Prisons and Prisoners (AS 33)
- 3) Welfare, Social Services and Institutions (AS 47)
- 4) Parole Board (22 AAC)
- 5) Health and Safety (AS 18)
- 6) Criminal Law (AS 11)
- 7) Public Finance (AS 37)
- 8) State Government (AS 44)

## Key Performance Measures for FY2003

### Measure:

The change in the number of discretionary parolees who are arrested and returned to the custody of the Department of Corrections each year.

Sec 47.b.1 Ch 90 SLA 2001(HB 250)

### Alaska's Target & Progress:

Year 2000 – 21

Year 1999 – 23

Year 1998 – 21

Year 1997 – 18

### Benchmark Comparisons:

20 – 25 per year as this number has been fairly constant over time.

### Background and Strategies:

The expectation for discretionary parole would be that those offenders pose a lower risk for re-offending than other offenders because they have been screened by the Parole Board for behavior and achievement.

### Measure:

The percentage of monitored parolees who are employed each calendar quarter.

Sec 47.b.2 Ch 90 SLA 2001(HB 250)

### Alaska's Target & Progress:

For the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FY2002, the pool consists of all parolees released since July 1, 2001. Of those released, 44% were employed, 6% were in full-time school or treatment, 6% were disabled, 1% retired, 4% recently released and searching, 3% recently laid off, 1% went out of state on Interstate Compact, 4% absconded, 4% had no reason not to be employed and 27% were re-incarcerated.

### Benchmark Comparisons:

It is extremely difficult to determine an appropriate benchmark for the employment of felons on parole. Many outside factors such as regional unemployment numbers, economic indicators, etc. must be considered. The department will monitor the numbers throughout the year and try to establish a realistic and appropriate benchmark.

### Background and Strategies:

Employment can be considered one of the factors that keep offenders from returning to prison. There is pressure on offenders monitored on parole to be gainfully employed. There are consequences if they are non-compliant without a valid reason.

**Parole Board**  
**Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars in thousands*

	<b>FY2001 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2002 Authorized</b>	<b>FY2003 Governor</b>
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	303.6	323.3	339.1
72000 Travel	122.4	49.1	89.1
73000 Contractual	141.2	99.0	148.3
74000 Supplies	17.8	4.7	4.7
75000 Equipment	2.9	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>587.9</b>	<b>476.1</b>	<b>581.2</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	587.9	476.1	581.2
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>587.9</b>	<b>476.1</b>	<b>581.2</b>

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## Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003

No service changes.

**Summary of Component Budget Changes**  
**From FY2002 Authorized to FY2003 Governor**

*All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2002 Authorized</b>	<b>476.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>476.1</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Year 3 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY2002	5.1	0.0	0.0	5.1
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-Parole Board Operational Cost Increases	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>FY2003 Governor</b>	<b>581.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>581.2</b>

## Parole Board

### Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>		
	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	5	5	Annual Salaries	248,106
Part-time	0	0	COLA	6,373
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	90,141
			<i>Less 1.60% Vacancy Factor</i>	(5,520)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>339,100</b>

### Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk III	1	0	0	0	1
Adult Probation Off II	0	0	1	0	1
Adult Probation Off III	1	0	0	0	1
Exec Dir AK Bd Parole	0	0	1	0	1
Secretary	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>